

## Note:

*Due to the holidays, our next meeting will be January 7th, 2020.*

## Amtrykes

**December 17,** was a fun lunch day. Caleb, a very articulate 9-year old young man, came by to pick up his Amtryke in time for Christmas. With the warm weather in central Illinois Caleb will be out and about riding. He likes to imagine he is chasing Zombies down the street, catching them, and slicing them up! A typical kid. We expect him to wear out the Amtryke in record time and we will happily provide him another one. Enjoy, Caleb!



Thanks for coming by!

## Calendar

2020

Jan. 25—Barstool Golf

Feb. 29—Cash Bash

Apr. 24-25—Central Region Conference, Bloomington

May 2—Road Rally

## Barstool Golf

**Our next big fundraiser is Barstool Golf** and plans are moving forward for the January 25th event! As with a lot of things we'll need to make some changes. Our cost per player has not increased in a very long time but costs are going up and there have been some sponsor changes. So, we'll be asking each player to give **\$25** each or **\$100** per 4-person team. We'll also have just two really nice raffle prizes, a large-sized smart TV and a very nice cooler. We'll have new t-shirts again this year and if you're collecting them we'll try to have any remaining past ones up for sale at a reduced price.



We've had to bring in one new bar to keep the number at nine holes. We'll be announcing the new bar soon so watch Facebook and our Web site.

The buses will be running as usual but if you don't want to wait you are welcome to designate a driver and get your team to the next bar faster. We have teams who also rent their own limo. Just be safe and of course have fun!

See you all on the 25th! (Photo by Andrea Betzler)

## AMBUCS Park Decorating

*The theme for the Park decorations this year* was Christmas trees. Project leader, Mary Lou Younger, asked each member to donate one of their old Christmas trees, decorate it any way they wanted, and then bring it to the park. She also asked the Developmental Services Center (DSC) if they would want to decorate a tree. The pretty one at the right is their contribution. Drive by the park before January 1st and check out the Driscoll Pavilion.



## Speaker: Maureen Gilbert

*Long time friend Maureen Gilbert* dropped by one lunch hour to talk with us about the Disabled Students Organization (DSO) at the University of Illinois. Our Chapter has been supporting DSO for over 22 years. We've helped with toy drives, the Christmas wrapping party and the Christmas party for the children of the students. Our members attend the wrapping party and try to beat the record for how fast the presents can be wrapped. The wrapping is lots of fun and so is the party with the kids the next day. We also help out with money to purchase the toys and we handed Maureen a check that day. Thanks to all of the hard work by DSO members almost 200 kids will have a happy Christmas. Thanks to all who make this happen! (Maureen with Big Hat President, Keith Jamieson)



## Splinters From the Board

*Our Board met* at Papa Del's on December 4th for the November meeting. The November meeting was postponed due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The action items were:

- ⇒ Minutes will continue to be approved via email and sent to all members.
- ⇒ We will participate in the DSC Disability Expo again in 2020. Sally Denhart will be the event leader.
- ⇒ We will continue our support of Camp New Hope with a \$400 donation now and \$400 in March.
- ⇒ The board will continue to meet at Papa Del's but will skip the December meeting due to the holidays.

## Winning Chances

**12/03/19**—50/50: \$6 to Deb Griest; Attendance: \$12 was won by Sally Denhart

**12/10/19**—50/50: \$9 to our guest speaker Maureen Gilbert; Attendance: \$16 could have been won by Rick Ohmit but he was not present

**12/17/19**—50/50: \$8 to Ray Griest; Attendance: \$30 was won by Pat Webb